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Title : AN ANTIGENIC PEPTIDE ENCODED BY AN  
ALTERNATIVE OPEN READING FRAME OF HUMAN  
MACROPHAGE COLONY-STIMULATING FACTOR

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows, prior to calculation of the fees.

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 4-6, 9, 10, 13-17, 20, 23-26, 29-32, 35-39, 42-44, 47, 50-57 and 60-64 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows. Applicants have included herewith pages showing the markups of the claims with insertions and deletions indicated by underlining and bracketing, respectively.

a<sup>1</sup> 11.(amended) An isolated nucleic acid encoding the immunogenic polypeptide of claim 2, wherein the isolated nucleic acid, when translated in frame, does not encode M-CSF, a precursor of M-CSF, or a fragment of M-CSF.

a<sup>2</sup> 40.(amended) An isolated polypeptide which binds selectively the polypeptide of claim 2, provided that the isolated polypeptide is not an HLA class I molecule.

41.(amended) The isolated polypeptide of claim 40, wherein the isolated polypeptide is a monoclonal antibody, a chimeric antibody or a humanized antibody.